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**Inspection Report**

Supervisor DRH

**Minerals Regulatory Program**

**Date of Report:**

**Mine Name:** Unpermitted Site  
**Operator Name:** David Aposhian  
P.O. Box 27651  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84127  
**Inspector(s):** Daron R. Haddock  
**Other Participants:** Steve (Truck Driver)  
**Mine Status:**

**Permit number:** N/A  
**Inspection Date:** May 2, 2007  
**Time:** 1:20 PM

**Weather:** Warm, Windy

*Elements of Inspection*

	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Deleterious Material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Concurrent Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts, drill holes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Water Impoundments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Soils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Revegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Purpose of Inspection:**

Had received a phone call from residents of the area who were concerned about possible mining activity in the area.

**Inspection Summary:**

I arrived at the truck loading location across the road from the Rocking Chair Ranch at approximately 1:20 pm. Met the Truck Driver (Steve) who was loading pallets of rock onto a semi trailer. Steve explained that the crew was hand collecting surface rock on Mr. Aposhian's property located a few miles up the road and on top of the mountain. They did not have any large earth moving equipment and were only collecting surface rock by hand. They did have a small skid steer unit to load the pallets onto a 1 ton flatbed truck which then brought the rock to the main road to be loaded onto a semi. I left a card with Steve and asked him to give it to Mr. Aposhian. I took a few pictures of the stone and trailer. It appears that all the rock is small surface stone (lichens apparent). I then drove up the road to the top of the mountain to try to get some indication of where the activity was occurring. The road forked off in several locations and there was no clear indication of any mining activity. I did see a small trailer that was empty (possibly the transport for the Skid Steer loader).

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On May 3, 2007 I received a phone call from Mr. David Aposhian. He explained that he had purchased 40 acres of land and was collecting surface rock for possible sale as building stone. He indicated that they were only collecting surface rock by hand and had no plans for doing any excavating or to using heavy earth moving equipment. He offered to provide a tour of their property at a time when it was convenient. His cell phone # is; (801) 573-7240.

**Conclusions and Recommendations:**

I do not consider this to be mining activity that would require a permit, since it is all being conducted by hand. I did inform Mr. Aposhian that if they started excavating using earth-moving equipment a permit would be required. He indicated that there were no plans for that.

Inspector's Signature

David A. Haddock

Date:

May 4, 2007

**Directions to Site:**

Turn south off of Highway 40 toward the Strawberry Pinnacles. Travel south and road changed from paved to gravel. On the left side of the road is the Rocking Chair ranch. The semi truck was being loaded just across the street from the ranch. A gravel/dirt road heads west and then up a switchback to the south and on top of the Mountain.

DRH:pb

cc: Operator  
Photos

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## ATTACHMENT

### Photographs

Unpermitted, David Aposhian

Inspection Dated: May 2, 2007 ; Report Dated: May 4, 2007

